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Patent No. 10/071,865	Filing Date February 8, 2002	Examiner Mathew O. Savage	Group Art Unit	1723
Inventor(s) Antonio Chiga				
Title of Invention FILTER FOR FLUIDS, ESPECIALLY FUELS				

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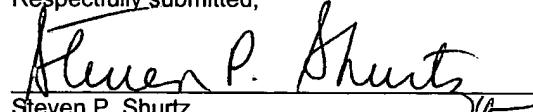
- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- Petition for a 3 month extension of time.
- No additional fee is required.
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Small Entity		Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
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x 42=		x \$84=	
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- I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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